

LOCAL I-S NEWS

for department store workers

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WITH A NEW RECORD IN SIGHT New York Fund co-chairmen Tony Puca (left) of Local I-S and Carmen Olivelli (right) of Macy's, extend thanks and congratulations to all who contributed to the drive's success. See Story on Page 3.

Officers Urge Members To Take All Precautions During Holiday Rush

With Christmas only twenty five days away the tempo of activity in Herald Square and the branch stores has begun to pick up to a rapid beat.

Because it is at this time of the year that it is most difficult to avoid some of the pitfalls, Presidents Sam Kovenetsky and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian issued the following message of friendly advice:

Macy rules and regulations very clearly state that a salesperson should handle only one customer's work at a time and that waiting customers should simply be "acknowledged."

This means that a clerk who attempts to wait on more than one customer at a time runs the grave risk of being seized by Protection for "violation of rules and regulations." Such a charge can mean loss of both job and reputation—

even though no dishonesty was intended.

We know how the pressure of impatient customers forces you to disregard this simple rule of self-defense. But it will be easier for you to withstand that pressure if you recognize that service delays are not your responsibility. It is up to Macy's to provide the needed coverage. You do your share when you properly wait on one customer at a time!

Teamwork

As the pressure mounts, tempers begin to get frayed. From time to time in the past your officers have heard reports of workers fighting with each other over such things as insufficient stock, or lunch and supper schedules.

It is especially important to bear in mind at all times that it is not you or your co-worker who is responsible for the running of the department. It is the Supervisor who is responsible—and it is the top brass of the company that sets the policy of getting the most work possible from the fewest number of people.

Gripes and grievances should be taken to the Shop Steward promptly. Remember that many non-Union, Christmas-only people are working with you. They do not know anything about our contract and the working conditions it guarantees.

You owe it to yourself to make sure that they become familiar with such provisions as that which forbids executives from doing staff work.

Remember, too, that not even your boss would dare ask you to kill yourself for Macy's. All the company can reasonably expect from you is a fair day's work in exchange for your day's pay. Don't do to yourself what Macy's wouldn't.

Injuries

As the store becomes increasingly crowded the danger of accidents rises. No matter how minor a sustained injury may be, it is important that you report it to the Macy hospital immediately, and see that a Workmen's Compensation Claim is filled out.

The claim you file is your proof of a relationship between the small injury and a more serious disability which might result.

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Union Elections Set For January 20-21 As Nominations Continue

The election of Union officers will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, the Local I-S Elections and Objections Committee announced. Ballotting at the branch stores will be limited to one day, and in all cases will be on standard voting machines which, in the outlying stores, will replace the paper ballots used heretofore.

CREDIT UNIONS ARE TARGET OF BANKER STUDY

The big bankers, who never seem to have enough money no matter how hard they work, are gunning for the Credit Unions again.

The American Bankers Association is conducting a survey of the "poor man's banks," and is expected to come up with a drive for legislative controls intended to steer such business to the banks themselves.

What it boils down to is this: When Credit Unions were small and few in number, the bankers didn't bother about them. But now there are about 14,500 of them in the United States, with seven million members who have \$1,700,000,000 invested.

This looks like a lot of money, but a recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia puts them in their proper perspective. They may look like big business, the survey showed, but their dollar volume is comparatively small.

What really bothers the bankers is all the money they are not getting in interest because of the Credit Unions' low lending rates, which is a maximum of one per cent. Private banking institutions collect an average of 4.8 per cent, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, with some private lenders demanding, and getting, as much as 8 or 9 per cent.

The Local I-S Federal Credit Union, with its high rate of interest on savings and low rate on loans, urges every member of Local I-S to open an account as a "sensible and profitable investment for now and for the future."

Voting Schedule

The following is the voting schedule announced by James Roche, Chairman of the Elections and Objections Committee:

HERALD SQUARE—Thursday, January 20—from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Friday, January 21st—10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

WHITE PLAINS—Thursday, January 20th—from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

FLATBUSH—Thursday, January 20th, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

PARKCHESTER—Thursday, January 20th—from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

JAMAICA—Friday, January 21st, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Voting Requirements

Article X, Section 5 of the Local I-S Constitution and By-Laws states that, "All members of the Union in good standing shall be eligible to vote upon presentation of their membership card."

Article X, Section 10 says, "Should any eligible member fail to vote at the election for officers of the Union, such member shall be liable for a \$1.00 assessment to the Welfare Fund unless excused."

Membership cards for the year 1955 will be mailed to all members in good standing in advance of the election dates set. Members who are not in good standing will receive a statement of arrears, which must be paid up before the 1955 card will be issued.

Candidates

The names of all those who are nominated and certified as eligible to run for office will be announced by the Elections and Objections Committee at the membership meeting to be held at Manhattan Center on Tuesday, January 4th.

Official Notice

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 7:30 P.M.

MANHATTAN CENTER
34th Street & 8th Avenue

\$2 Assessment to the Welfare Fund for unexcused absence
Admission by 1954 or '55 Union Card Only

notice!

The following Local I-S election schedule is now in effect for all clerical transactions such as affiliations, payment of dues, Health Plan etc.:

MONDAY—10 AM-6 PM
TUESDAY—10 AM-7 PM
WEDNESDAY—10 AM-7 PM
THURSDAY—10 AM-6 PM
FRIDAY—10 AM-6 PM

BRANCH STORE NEWS

FLATBUSH

The Christmas rush is now upon us. It is only natural that we will get into the spirit of things and try to outdo ourselves in pleasing customers. However, don't let us forget our Union spirit—let's see to it that executives under the stress of rushing business do not engage in staff work. Protect our hard-won gains. Report contract violations to your Steward or Store Committee . . . Gertrude Green (F21, Mirrors) is our representative on the Elections and Objections committee. Anyone interested in circulating nominating petitions for the coming Union elections should see her . . . Sam Schwartz (Shoes) has been transferred to Herald Square. We are sorry to lose such a fine fellow-worker, but we will miss him more as the Flatbush representative to our Credit Union. To coin a phrase, he was a credit to our Credit Union. He will be replaced by Marion Herman of the Service Desk and Jack Lucania of Rugs . . . We are happy to welcome Anne Bowen back after her bout with illness and hospitalization . . . What's in a name? When Molly Gershnow (F2) married, she didn't have to change her name. She was and she wed a Gershnow. Her daughter has just repeated the trick! . . . Marion Maralapero (F11) has left to await the stork. Good luck Marion!



Rose Nagler

PARKCHESTER



Fay Mattimiro

Henry Baron (Men's Suits has permanently adopted the United States by becoming a citizen recently. Henry lived in England before coming here, and is having no trouble at all with our language or customs . . . We must report a new flock of grandmothers: Mary Marin (P19) who is now a two time winner. Lillian Miller (P5) and Margaret Dunscombe (P12), both for the first time . . . Our very best get well wishes to Gussie Heinzen (P3) and Manni Griesman (P11) . . . We are all happy to see Peggy Galvin (Men's Shop) and Rose Christopher (P8) back with us after their illnesses. By the way, Peggy, will wedding bells ring? . . . Peggy, not at all incidentally, is our Elections and Objections Committee representative here and has nominating petitions available for anyone who wants to circulate them for the candidate(s) of his or her choice . . . Children's Shoes acknowledges receipt of a wonderful letter from Anita Ryan who has been on our sick list for these many weeks . . . Now is the time to remember that we have certain rights guaranteed us in our contract and that there are certain things that Macy's can NOT do . . . In the holiday rush let's not throw the contract out the window. If you have any questions or problems see you Steward at once!

WHITE PLAINS

Congratulations to Frances Petluck who just became a grandmother. When this issue went to press Frances' little grandchild was in an incubator and doing nicely . . . Mrs. Steves' daughter, Alberta, is away at college and majoring in journalism. Alberta is a former Local 1-S member. Our best wishes go with her in this new endeavor . . . Joe Cohen and his wife are visiting in England for a few weeks. A conscientious and expert salesman as well as an active and loyal trade unionist, Joe deserves this well-earned vacation . . . Best wishes to Tom Melella, who has been promoted to the Furniture Department. Tom, the father of three boys and a charter member of the White Plains crew, was all smiles when the news was announced—and who could blame him? Good luck. Tom! . . . Our Stewards did an excellent job during the recent Community Chest Drive. Store Committee Chairman Heleringer and Store Manager Gould addressed a store rally for the drive. A large Red Feather, symbol of the Community Chest, was prominently displayed on the new store facade—and our workers, as always, gave their all for the good of the community. Well done, gang! . . . Remember the White Plains divisional dance which is coming soon!



Bill Bittner

JAMAICA

The response to the Greater New York Fund was overwhelming here in Jamaica. May the Almighty bless you and your dear ones, so that you may never have to use this great service to humanity. But it is also a comfort to know that should the need ever arise we have helped to guarantee that its facilities are available to us. It was truly heart-warming to see the readiness with which people understood this and responded to it . . . Congratulations and good wishes to Wilma Gelfand (Sportsweat) upon the arrival of her SIXTH grandchild. Wilma's SEVENTH will arrive for Christmas. The newest addition's name is Susan Patricia . . . It's a small world when you can find your loved ones working by your side. Marcia Woodruff's niece, Gerry Doherty, here from Florida, was amazed to find her Aunt Marcia working here at Jamaica! . . . Welcome to a grand person—"Butterfly" McQueen of motion picture fame, who worked in such flickers as "Gone With the Wind" and "Duel in the Sun" and played the role of "Oriole" the "Beulah" TV show. Customers recognize "Butterfly" and ask for her autograph. PS. She loves it here . . . Theo Steinberg, being married on December 25th, was given a "shower" by her co-workers. Theo said it was the biggest thrill of her life. Good wishes to you from all of us here . . . Let's keep our eye on the ball during the holiday rush to make sure that we don't forfeit any of the gains we have all worked so hard to secure. It's up to YOU.

NLRB Giveaway Decisions Are Strongly Protested by CIO

Eight new jurisdictional decisions of the National Labor Relations Board were blasted by the CIO as "another giveaway—this time a giveaway of the rights guaranteed to labor under the Labor-Management Relations Act."

President Eisenhower's appointees to the Board rode roughshod over strenuous objections by Democratic members, to bulldoze their way to new interpretations of the law which seriously weaken labor's position.

The eight decisions, like so much else in the GOP "business" administration, concern themselves chiefly with the dollar sign to the exclusion of rights.

NLRB Chairman Guy Farmer and his fellow Eisenhower appointees, members Philip Ray Rodgers and Albert C. Beeson, used a lot of language to say so, but in brief they said they couldn't be bothered with cases involving labor disputes unless they have a

"pronounced impact upon the flow of interstate commerce."

CIO General Counsel Arthur J. Goldberg fired a hot reply. He said, "The jurisdictional standards applied by the NLRB in eight decisions . . . constitute another giveaway—this time a giveaway of the rights guaranteed to labor under the Labor Management Relations Act."

The Wagner Act provision, carried over into Taft-Hartley, that workers employed in any business affecting commerce are protected in their right to organize, has been substantially abridged by the Labor Board in this series of 3-2 decisions, carried by the votes of the administration appointees.

The practical effects are to deny effective protection to workers in many industries, such as public utilities, retail stores, franchise dealers, office building maintenance and newspapers.

These decisions . . . are part of

a series of recent board decisions reversing well-established policies beneficial to labor, policies clearly permitted under the law and sanctioned by long congressional acquiescence."

The decisions were the first application of standards that were laid down several months ago, when the board started writing labor law by administrative fiat. They involve several CIO affiliates, including the Auto, Brewery and Utility Workers.

Abe Murdock, a minority board member, said in dissenting:

"It seems probable that at least 25% and perhaps as much as 33% of our past jurisdiction is now eliminated."

Grievance Wins Raise And Back Pay

Frances Ferruzza, of the Controllers Office, began celebrating Christmas in October—thanks to the back pay and raise she got as a result of a grievance filed by her Shop Steward, Ruby Butscher.

The grievance, filed in September, charged that Frances had been "unofficially" transferred to a higher rated job and that from January 2nd to September 7th she had been earning more than she was getting.

Exactly one month after the grievance was submitted, the Wage Administration Office announced that they had reviewed the matter and agreed that Frances was entitled to \$2 more a week and for every week back to the beginning of last January.

\$1 Now Due For 1955 Sub To 1-S News

Now is the time to send in your dollar and renew your annual subscription to the Local 1-S NEWS.

While many people figure on paying when they come to vote in the Union elections, the wise ones avoid the long lines by paying by check or money order, and enclosing, clearly written, their name and staff number.

1955 Union cards will be mailed to all members in good standing. Others will receive a statement showing their arrears and will not get their new card until they have restored themselves to good standing.

During the past twelve months the Local 1-S NEWS has had many nice bouquets thrown its way for its handling of Local, political and labor news. We appreciate them, and invite your comments and suggestions.

MACY PROFIT REPORTS UPHOLD UNION CLAIMS AT NEGOTIATIONS

All during the course of last year's negotiations President Sam Kovenetsky, Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian, along with the rest of the negotiating committee denounced as "untrue" Macy assertions that the company was not sufficiently profitable to its stockholders.

Each of Macy's financial reports that has been made since then has upheld the Union's claim that the company was doing very well and could certainly afford to give the substantial wage increases being demanded.

Latest Report

On Wednesday, November 10th,

Special Meeting Of Receiving A Hit With Members

Receiving Department workers started something new when they decided on a voluntary follow-up meeting of their division. Purpose of the special meeting was to afford everyone an opportunity to speak his mind more fully than is sometimes possible under a crowded regular meeting agenda.

The idea was initiated by Receiving's Floor Committee members, Tony Gentile, Al Delagarde and Dan Maloney. It was heartily approved by the Union's officers.

Summing up the results of the meeting, the Floor Committee said that, "while the attendance was not as good as expected, the discussion was lively and constructive. In short, it was a real good meeting!"

HELP!

LEGAL CLINIC
SOCIAL SERVICE
COMPENSATION AID

Free of Charge

at the

UNION OFFICE

Every Wednesday

From 5 to 7 P.M.

Holiday Rush

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Safety First

While it is important that you guard your rights should an accident occur, it is equally important that you do what you can to help prevent mishaps.

If, in spite of these words of caution, you should be injured on the job and have any question with regard to your rights—just remember that the Local 1-S Compensation attorney is at the Union office every Wednesday from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Your president and vice presidents, your administrators, floor committee members and shop stewards all stand ready to help. If you have any questions, be sure to ask them.

THE JOB YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!

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Fund Record Seen In High Pledge Rate

The joint Local 1-S, Macy's 1954 Greater New York Fund campaign seemed to be soaring to a new record as Tony Puca and Carmen Olivelli, co-chairman of the drive representing the Union and the company, announced that pledges as of November 19th added up to a handsome \$27,000.

This compared with a grand total of slightly more than \$27,500 given in last year's campaign, which was the first joint effort undertaken by Local 1-S and Macy's.

Staff workers and executives in White Plains, which does not participate in the Greater New York Fund, had responded just as generously to the appeal of their local Community Chest drive.

"Thanks"

In their announcement of the total pledges to date, Mr. Puca and Mr. Olivelli said:

"All signs point to another tremendously generous response to the annual appeal of the Greater New York Fund. The thousands of men and women who have made this campaign successful have earned both our thanks and congratulations.

"We can all rest a little bit easier in the knowledge that many vital agencies have been helped to continue their important work on behalf of our neighbors and ourselves. We can all be proud of the part we played!"

Jamaica Leads

Once again the role of pacesetter went to the men and women of Jamaica, whose per capita pledges last year and this year were higher than any other similar group.



SINGER LANNY ROSS helped rally the people to an all-out effort for the New York Fund. Obviously inspired, they went back at rally's end and began to do their share. A new record appears in the making.

Asked his opinion of why this was so, one member explained that, "many of us live in smaller communities and know more about the next fellow's problems and more about the kind of help an outfit like the Greater New York Fund is able to give. We know that we can count on it if we should ever need it, so we gladly give as much as we can."

But though their average was a bit below that of Jamaica, most people in all the stores showed, in fine measure, that they fully support the community program of the Fund.

Fast Start

From the time of the divisional rallies to the last day on which pledges of people in the stores were accepted, the long training period which preceded the drive showed that it was paying off.

Shop Stewards and Supervisors,

Floor Committees and Superintendents and all others who had a part to play, fitted together like a well trained team and went to work.

Introductory speeches by Union Administrators and Macy representatives set the tone for the voluntary, pressure-less solicitation which followed. Questions were answered and further explanations offered on the spot. Everyone gave because he wanted to. No one gave because he "had to."

Real Service

As the drive was progressing towards its wonderful conclusion, the value of it was being demonstrated at the Union office.

With a professional social worker on hand, members of Local 1-S were lining up to discuss their problems with him to get all the help they could. In most cases it was to one or more of the agencies

that relies for financial support on the Greater New York Fund that they were referred. And in case after case the people were back in a few days to tell of the speed and courtesy with which their problems were dealt.

"Proud"

President Sam Kovenetsky and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian expressed their pride and gratification to the membership for a job well done. They said:

"We have, by working together, accomplished what we set out to do. We set ourselves the goal of making a worthy contribution to a worthy organization. The response to this drive fully proves that we all understand that 'when we help our neighbor, we help ourselves.' We should all be very proud of what we have accomplished."

1-S Leader Going To CIO Convention

President Sam Kovenetsky has his bags packed and is ready to leave for the CIO's national convention which is scheduled to open in Los Angeles on December 6th.

The President will represent the national charter of the United Department Store Workers Union as well as Local 1-S, which is affiliated with that body. He has also been designated to serve on the Convention's important Resolutions Committee.

President Kovenetsky regarded it as "quite likely" that the Convention itself will give attention to the task of combining similar jurisdictions in the interests of greater strength and efficiency. This could include the United Department Store Workers and the Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union.

PAC Petitions Ask Senate To Warn McCarthy

The Local 1-S Political Action Committee is circulating a petition addressed to Senators Herbert Lehman and Irving M. Ives calling on them to support the Watkins Select Committee motion of censure against Senator Joseph McCarthy.

The Select Committee found McCarthy guilty of contempt of the Senate for his refusal to answer questions regarding his finances and for his abusive treatment of witnesses appearing before his subcommittee.

With pro-McCarthy forces rallying to the defense of their un-American idol, an all-out campaign is needed to show that the American people are on the side of the Constitution and against McCarthy.

Additional petitions are available at the Union office for any member who wishes to gather signatures.

A Regrettable Error

In the last issue of the Local 1-S NEWS it was erroneously reported that suspended members Terry Harding and Shirley Pullman were of 165 Department.

Both these members, tried and found guilty of wilful refusal to pay the Constitutional assessment for unexcused absences from seven meetings or for their annual subscription to the Local 1-S NEWS, are from 940 Department.

We apologize to all the good Union members of 165 Department for our regrettable error.

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself — protect your family — protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!

BIG BUSINESS STUDIES MEANS OF PLANTING "GRAPEVINE" RUMORS; AIM AT USING NORMAL GOSSIP TO SERVE GOALS OF MANAGEMENT

For many years the members of Local 1-S have heard their President, Sam Kovenetsky — or their other officers sternly caution against the acceptance or passing on of rumors.

The substance of their warnings has been, "Rumors are often deliberately circulated by management to sound out your thinking on a given question."

The officers have especially stressed their point during contract negotiations. At such times, they have declared, management encourages rumor-mongering in order to study the effects. If, for example, they circulate a story that the company is offering a wage increase of \$1 they do so only to discover the intensity of the reaction. If it meets with high hostility they know that the Union's bargaining position continues to be strong.

And now, according to an article by Mr. Frank M. Kleiler, the Executive Secretary of the National Labor Relations Board, managements are studying means of making the grapevine even more fruitful for themselves.

Mr. Kleiler writes that:

The "office grapevine"—that familiar American institution which peddles news and gossip wherever a working force totals more than one—is being gravely studied these

days. New management specialists, known as communications experts, are trying to find out why the grapevines exist, how they function, and what, if anything, to do about them.

The author then went on to cite instances of the speed and inaccuracy with which the grapevine has circulated pure fiction. But despite all that, he says:

Grapevines have an additional virtue of being effective safety valves when management plans changes in policy or program without consulting subordinates. To the extent that the plans leak out and are discussed, the result is something like a trial balloon. Just as management attitudes are passed down through the grapevine, so also are employee reactions passed up.

Grapevines are two-way communications systems. Top executives as well as employees can learn by keeping tuned in on the right stations. Plans can be modified or abandoned when employee reaction and criticism indicate that the plans are not likely to accomplish their purpose.

Whether good or bad, the expert continues, the grapevine is here to stay and managements today are trying to learn to live with it. . . .

"If the grapevine can be

cultivated and fed carefully," says the National Industrial Conference Board, "perhaps it can be transformed into a plant of some usefulness." This hope is becoming popular in management circles. The Bureau of National Affairs published a pamphlet pragmatically entitled "How to Use the Grapevine" for manufacturing firms to distribute to foremen. The principal piece of advice it offers is: "Feed the grapevine facts today so you don't have to harvest sour grapes tomorrow."

Mr. Kleiler then goes on to explain that management has a problem. How can they supply the grapevine with the "facts" that they want relayed?

One method proposed by the National Industrial Conference Board consists of deliberately "feeding" it. They say:

"Key employees — natural leaders—are called together. In substance, management says to them: 'The other employees look up to you and follow your lead. They believe what you say to them. You are a special group and you can help us, if you will. . . .'

But, writes Mr. Kleiler, "where employees are represented by a union, however, there are complications. . . ."

On the Local Scene

"Stripped of its fancy talk," said President Sam Kovenetsky, "the Industrial Conference Board is suggesting that management round up all the phonies they can, shine them up to make them look like 'natural leaders' and then put them to work selling out their co-workers. We have been confronted with such situations in the past.

"We have known workers in the store who openly boasted that they got their information 'right out of the horse's mouth.' They have been the active rumor peddlers. But unfortunately there have been innocent bystanders who have helped them out by passing their 'trial balloon' rumors on to someone else.

"To defeat this plot to turn the workers against themselves, I can only repeat what I have said so many times before:

"Don't believe rumors and don't pass them on. If you hear a story and want to know the facts, call the Union!"

"With the experts now giving their attention to ways and means of making the grapevine a more effective instrument for management we can expect more and more gossip and scuttlebut. You wouldn't accept a wooden nickel or a three dollar bill. DON'T ACCEPT RUMORS!"

Man the Pumps, the Budget's Leaking!

By Iwanna Buck

I have just discovered what an awful fool I have been. For years I have worked in the store without knowing that I, too, could own my home, a car and furs—all on my Macy salary!

I read in the Macy Star (you should excuse me) that Dr. Neva Radell was going to give a course in Financial Planning. But my pulse did not really begin to beat fast until I got to the part that said, "No advocate of saving on a miserly basis, Dr. Radell encourages long-range financial plans based on what you want to achieve. . . ."

That's when I said, "That's for me! Dr. Radell is no piker. She will show me how to do really big things with my \$62 a week (before taxes)."

As I read on, I got even more excited. The article said, "If you're really interested in 'plugging up the leaks in your spending' . . . don't miss this bet!"

And do I want to plug leaks! Every month \$65 leaks to the landlord. It used to be only \$50, but then someone in Albany killed rent controls and the leak got bigger and bigger. I'm sure Dr. Radell will agree that this is the wrong time of the year to pitch a tent someplace, so we'll have to go on paying the rent and look for other leaks to plug.

Then there's \$25 a month that leaks out to the bank to pay for the loan we took to pay for clothes and the dentist. And \$25 a week for food (although my wife com-

plains that she also pays for the laundry and cleaning out of that). That leaves us with next to nothing for incidentals like carfares and lunches. Boy, is my budget leaking!

But reading about Doctor Radell inspired me. I don't advocate saving on a miserly basis either. No penny bank for me. I want to save BIG! So this is the way I figured it out.

Either we go some place where it is warm and become nudists—or we keep going into hock to buy clothes. I'd be lost without pocket, so . . .

Either we keep paying the rent or—So . . .

Either we keep eating or—So . . .

Either I keep spending carfare to come to work or—So . . .

And that takes care of the leaks in my budget.

Now, if we all get behind the Union and show Macy's that we're ready and willing to fight like **** for a decent raise we could get right on the beam with Dr. Radell. Why if we could save as much as four dollars a week—let's see, that would be \$208 a year. In ten years that would be more than \$2000 and we'd be on our way to knowing the joys of being well-dressed, car-riding home owners!

It occurred to me then that this Dr. Radell must truly be a wonderful person, if just reading about her could solve such problems.

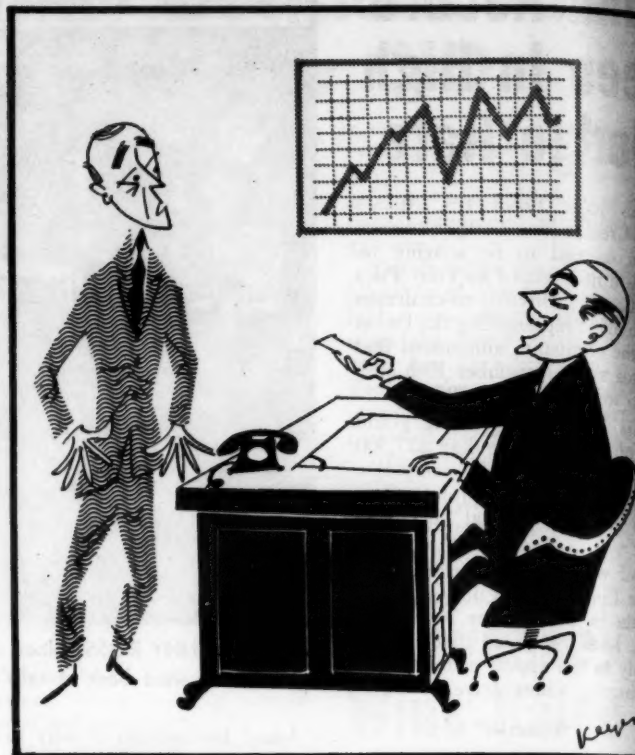
I looked up from my addition and subtraction to explain all this to my wife. But just as I was about to open my big mouth he said, "You know dear, Junior is seven years old and getting too big for his crib. When do you think we'll be able to afford a bed?"

The pained look on my face must have frightened her, because she added sweetly, "We can make things do for a while, but why can't you do something. Join your Political Action Committee and fight for a rent rollback and lower fares and lower prices! Get active in the Union and really show Macy's that you mean business! Why, if you do that we'll be able to get the bed and maybe even save a little bit besides. Wouldn't that be nice?"

I just nodded my head as I tore my figuring to little bits. But tomorrow I'm joining PAC. How about you?

If you . . .
your husband
or wife . . .
or children
under 18 . . .
or parents (if you're single)
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LABOR LAFFTIME



Here's something better than a raise, Jones—a ticket to **BREAK THE BANK!**

Steward Meeting Calendar

ASD	1st Tuesday of every month	6:15 PM
Controllers	1st Wednesday of every month	6:15 PM
PAC	1st Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
Ad., Display, BofS, Comp.	1st Thursday of every month	6:15 PM
PAC	3rd Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
DA	2nd Tuesday of every month	6:15 PM

PERSONALS

FOR RENT—Attractive room with kitchen privileges in Bensonhurst area. Two short blocks to BMT. Business woman. Phone ES 3-0762 after 8 P.M. or Sunday morning.

FOR SALE—1953 Pontiac four door sedan. Practically brand new, Radio, heater, puncture proof tires; two-tone cordovan blue top, ice blue bottom. Low mileage. \$1300. Phone LU 4-7389 after 6 P.M.

FOR SALE—Upright piano with bench. In good condition. Very reasonable. Phone BU 2-5240 after 6 P.M.

WANTED—4-5 Room apartment to \$85. Phone WY 1-0452 after 7 P.M.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you **CALL** the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank **CALL** the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

TO THE EDITOR

LOVELY

Today my mother brought me the lovely book you sent me to the house.

I am still in the hospital. Thanks very much for the book. I know I shall enjoy it.

Please put a note in the paper for me thanking the Union for the blood and the book given to me. Also, to all the girls in the store who have been so good as to send me cards, visit me and say prayers for me.

I know I shall get well soon with all these good wishes. Also thank the Health Plan Consultant for me. I sure do appreciate all the Union has done for me.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Brookow, 26 Dept.

CHRISTMAS

In a few more days it will be Christmas, and in every department and on every floor there will be someone who wants to take up a collection to buy "the boss" a present.

All the past year you and your stewards have been fighting the same boss for better working conditions for all of us. Grievances have been written on the ratings you received, because that same boss thought he had given you what you deserved.

That is why I say emphatically, "NO! Do not contribute to buy the boss a present. All year round he proves that he's no friend and our gifts and money won't make him one!"

Fraternally yours,

Anthony DeLeon, Rcvg.

DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE

It was a delightful surprise to receive your good wishes and book in the hospital. Please accept my sincerest thanks.

I really appreciate the advantage of being a member of our Union. I realize it perhaps more than anybody else because I am a fractional and was admitted to the Union only about a year ago.

It is wonderful to feel that one is not alone in these difficult moments and that we can, at all times, rely on our great Health Plan.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

Flora Sheffield, 289 Dept.

MY UNION

Just a little note to thank my Union for the very interesting book and card I received while in the hospital.

I am most grateful for the wonderful Health Plan the Union has provided me with. It kept me out of debt and provided me with a wonderful surgeon.

Many thanks again, and good luck.

Sincerely,

Mary Morrissey, 106 Dept.

WELFARE BOARD

I wish to thank the Welfare Board for the book and cheerful card sent to me during my recent illness. I also wish to thank you for the wonderful Health Plan.

My stay in the hospital was made much easier knowing that I

did not have enormous hospital and doctor bills to pay before I left.

This was my first experience with the Health Plan, and I appreciate it very much.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Sincerely,

Dorothy Sehested, 960 Dept.

DEEPEST GRATITUDE

My deepest gratitude and thanks for the get-well card and the very interesting book you sent me.

I've been in the hospital twice in the past month and have to re-enter again. I do not know here I would be today without our wonderful Health Plan.

It is most comforting and does give one a sense of peace during these trying days.

My sincerest thanks to you and all my dear co-workers.

Gratefully yours,

Jane Parks Maier, 18 Dept.

GRACIOUS HELP

Just a note to thank you sincerely for your cooperation and gracious help during my husband's recent illness.

Not having to worry about paying the hospital bill or the doctor's fee has helped tremendously to shorten my husband's convalescence.

Again, many thanks and may Local 1-S continue to be "good and clean and strong."

Yours truly,

Kathryn Merritt, P8

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